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In re application of:

Bhaskar Ghosh, et al.

Serial No.: 09/715,552

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 26, 2004. Please amend the subject application and consider the remarks as indicated below.

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